

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE MCGOLDRICK AND NIAL O'DOWD UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER ALANA KATHLEEN

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House that on Sunday, July 25, 1999, at 1:34 a.m., Debbie McGoldrick and Niall O'Dowd because the proud parents of a baby daughter, Alana Kathleen. Alana Kathleen weighed in at 8 pounds, 5½ ounces and is 21 inches long. The best news is that Alana Kathleen and her mother Debbie are in perfect health.

I am proud to be able to call Debbie and Niall my good friends. Niall is the Founding Publisher of the Irish Voice newspaper and Irish America magazine. Debbie, who is clearly the brains and the beauty of the operation, is the Senior Editor of the Irish Voice. Niall and Debbie are leaders in the Irish-American community and have been in the very forefront of the Irish peace process.

As happy as Niall and Debbie are over the birth of their beautiful daughter, I know that Alana Kathleen will soon realize how fortunate she is to have such outstanding parents. On behalf of myself and my family I wish them the very best of health and happiness.

VAN ARSDALES HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues, two distinguished community leaders, Tom and Suzette van Arsdale. My good friends Tom and Suzette will be honored this month by the Luzerne Foundation for their community service and leadership. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this tribute.

Born in New York City in 1937, Tom van Arsdale grew up in New England. Tom joined the U.S. Army after high school and served in the Signal Corps as a top secret cryptographer for two years before receiving an honorable discharge. Tom began his business career as a teller in a New Jersey bank in 1959. Within two years, Tom was a bank officer and within four years, he was a senior executive. While pursuing his career, Tom was also earning degrees from Rounton Valley Community College and Edison State College.

Tom's business acumen gained the attention in the banking world when he assumed the position of President of a troubled New Jersey bank, guided it out of its financial crisis, converted it to a public bank and subsequently sold it to the Dime Bank of New York. Tom continued to serve as the bank's President and CEO and was named to a directorship of the Dime Bank of New York.

Tom moved to northeastern Pennsylvania in 1990 after being named President and CEO of Franklin First Financial Corporation and Franklin First Savings Bank. After Franklin First was sold to Onbancorp in 1993, Tom continued to serve as its President and was elected to the parent bank's board until his recent retirement.

Suzette van Arsdale also spent her early years in banking. Born in New Jersey, Suzette rose in the ranks rapidly shortly after beginning her banking career, becoming a corporate officer of one of the Nation's largest commercial banks. While working full time, Suzette earned a degree in management from Kean University. Tom and Suzette were married in 1986 and now have two children: Thomas Robert, age 12, and Matthew Ernest, age 20 months.

Mr. Speaker, both van Arsdals have been active members of the community. Tom serves on several local boards, including the Luzerne County Community College Foundation, the Committee for Economic Growth, the Wyoming Valley United Way, Wyoming Seminary, College Misericordia, the Central Division of Pennsylvania Economy League, WVIA public radio and television, and the Northeast Philharmonic Orchestra, to name just a few. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and America's Community Bankers and a former chair of the Community Bankers Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Suzette has an equally impressive resume of community activity and involvement, currently serving or having served as President of the Junior League, member of the Presidents Council of King's College, second chair the Wyoming Valley Red Cross, member of the Wyoming Seminary Board of Directors, and as an active member of United Way of Wyoming Valley, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Family Services Association and the Luzerne Foundation. Suzette has helped raise funds for the Osterhout Library, the Back Mountain Library, the Northeast Philharmonic, the American Cancer Society, the St. Vincent's South Kitchen, the Catherine McCauley House, the Meals on Wheels program, the Fine Arts Fiesta, and the Theater on the Green at College Misericordia.

In 1998, both Tom and Suzette were honored by Her Majesty, the Queen of England. Tom was invested to the Order of St. John as an Associate Commander while Suzette was given a similar honor by the Queen and also invested to the Cathedral of the Church of St. John by Lord Prior.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to call Tom and Suzette van Arsdale my friends. In just 10 years, they have both had an enormous impact on northeastern Pennsylvania. I have called on them numerous times to help support community efforts and they have always provided their leadership. More importantly, they have been wonderful friends to me, my wife, Nancy, and to many people throughout the area. I am proud to join with the community in thanking them for their years of service and wishing them the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TOM TIPPY, SR.

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an important constituent, a fine community and business leader, and a close personal friend, Mr. Tom Tippy, Sr.

Tom, who passed away back on March 12th following a long illness, will be sorely missed

by his family and many friends, as well as numerous associates throughout the First District of Alabama.

Tom Tippy's relationship with the people of South Alabama began over twenty-five years ago when, as an executive with Parsons & Whittemore, he came to the area as part of the delegation sent by the Landegger family to locate a site for the construction of a new pulp and paper facility.

This mill, which became known as Alabama River Pulp, grew to employ hundreds of men and women from Monroe County and the surrounding area, and it is a testament to the hard work of the entire Parsons & Whittemore corporate family, as well as the tremendous dedication and perseverance displayed by Tom Tippy and his staff.

Prior to entering the world of business, Tom was a distinguished veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and saw a great deal of service in the Pacific Theater of operations. While serving as a gunner with the crew of a B-24 Liberator in the 5th Army Air Corps, and later as a top turret gunner and flight engineer on a crew assigned to the 90th Bomber Group, Tom exhibited the same qualities of leadership, professionalism and dedication to his crew mates and his nation that he displayed repeatedly throughout his life. I was saddened, but nonetheless honored, to have an American flag flown over this very building, a shrine to democracy throughout the world, which was draped over Tom's casket and presented to his family at his burial.

Perhaps one of the finest comments on Tom's life was offered by his dear friend and mine, Monroe County Probate Judge Otha Lee Biggs, when he said, "He wasn't happy unless he was present with the employees of that company. They were a part of his family. If they needed him, he wanted to be there for him. And, for the leadership he gave to them, they gave him their support in return. For he was a people's man and he was a working man's executive."

Indeed he was.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this memorial tribute to Tom Tippy with the belief that his legacy of goodness, of sound decisions and of always being a man of his word, will continue in perpetuity. Truly, he lived his life with an enthusiasm toward helping others and in so doing, I believe he inspired the rest of us to try to do a little better ourselves as we approach our fellow man.

Tom is survived by his lovely wife, Rita; three sons, Tommy Tippy, Jr., Bill Tippy and Richard Tippy; one stepdaughter, Melanie Lee Ford; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. My condolences go out to each of them.

**DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF
NONDISCRIMINATORY TREAT-
MENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLES
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my opposition to House Joint Resolution 57 disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (or normal trade relations) to